

House Resolution No. 2473

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative actions in order to convey a warm Show-Me State welcome to esteemed visitors; and

Whereas, Richard Thompson has attained considerable distinction as the founder of Zootoo and as a philanthropist who diligently works to improve the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through his endeavors in the field of animal welfare; and

Whereas, in the fall of 2007, Richard Thompson challenged animal shelter organizations across the United States to enter a \$1 million Shelter Makeover Contest; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2008, Richard Thompson will visit Stray Rescue in Saint Louis, Missouri, since it is rated Second in the Shelter Makeover Contest thus far in the competition; and

Whereas, Richard Thompson is scheduled to visit the Top 20 renovated shelters as part of the process in which the \$1 million winning organization will be chosen; and

Whereas, Stray Rescue mobilized Saint Louisans for the contest, and the fruits of their labors will be in evidence during the May 1, 2008, visit by Richard Thompson; and

Whereas, located in a building donated by AG Edwards, Stray Rescue has planned a huge pep rally, press conference, and luncheon for guests; and

Whereas, Stray Rescue expects one thousand supporters and other interested bystanders to enjoy the street vendors, music, food, drink, and entertainment scheduled for the event; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should recognize such esteemed visitors to the state as Richard Thompson of Zootoo:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome Richard Thompson to the state of Missouri and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success in life for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard Thompson.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2473, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker